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REMARKS:

REMARKS REGARDING THE SPECIFICATION

Request is made for replacement of paragraphs [0015], [0017], [0018] and [0022] in addition to the earlier request (November 12, 2004) for replacement of paragraphs [0007], [0008], [0009] [0013] and [0016]. This Response shows amendment by underline and strikethrough for all replacement paragraphs not previously entered. The latest replacement paragraphs have been amended to clarify how the descriptive portion relates to Figures 1a, 1b, 2a, and 2b.

REMARKS REGARDING CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Claim 1 has been amendment to clarify that the limitations contained therein have support in the specification and have illustration in Figures 1a, 1b, 2a and 2b. The purpose of the amendment is to re-focus examination on existing issues, to remove the need for an additional search and to place claim 1 in condition for allowance.

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IN RESPONSE TO THE ACTION:

The following table summarizes actions taken following denial by the Examiner for entry of claims amendments and proposed drawing changes.

Response to the Action

At Issue	Action Taken
The proposed amendments raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search	Claim 1 has been amended to limit issues and terminology to those previously addressed by the Examiner.
The proposed amendments are not deemed to materially reduce or simplify the issues for appeal.	Claim 1 has been amended to place it in better condition on appeal.
The previous response presented an additional claim without canceling any claims.	Claim 18 has been cancelled
The drawings filed on November 12, 2004 were disapproved by the Examiner because of elements 14a and 14b.	Elements "14a and 14b" were not found. An "element (13)" is the highest numbered element in this case. Placement of this element (13) in optional positions (A and B) has been clarified by amendment of paragraph [0017] to include reference to Figures 2a and 2b.

DISAPPROVAL OF DRAWINGS:

The drawing correction filed on 12 November 2004 was disapproved by the Examiner due to allegation that elements 14a and 14b in the specification were not included with the proposed drawing correction.

Since the Advisory Action did not specify the location of 14a and 14b, i.e. the elements requiring attention, applicants undertook a thorough review of the present application, as filed. Careful study and a word search (electronically) of the application revealed that the number "13" is the highest numeral associated with originally submitted figures and the proposed drawing correction. Also, the only element including a letter designation is that of "the cable end (4a)."

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There is no numeral including lower case letter "b" for identifying elements of the drawings. However, applicants found the need to reconcile the specification with Figures 2a and 2b to clarify optional positioning, between "A" and "B," of the element (13) that is an actuating element exemplified as "a radially elongated recess." Request to replace paragraph [0017] reconciles drawings and specification and represents applicants' effort to satisfy the Examiner's requirement for correction of the drawings.

Although the basis for disapproval of the drawings was not found in this application, applicants have made an effort to effect correction by replacing paragraph [0017] to reconcile Figures 2a and 2b to the descriptive portion of the application. The application has been carefully studied and corrected as required by the Advisory Action of December 14, 2004. Request is made for reconsideration towards entry of amendments and corrections as currently presented.

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NEW CLAIMS:

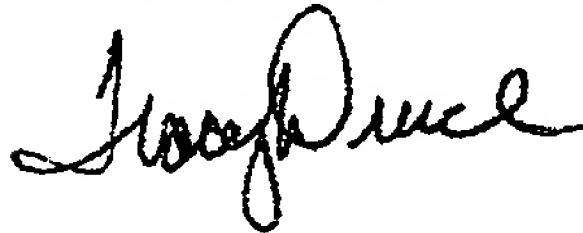
New claims 19 and 20 have been added to alternatively claim applicant's invention.

The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1437, Order No. 07574.0102.PCUS00.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner should directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

Respectfully submitted,



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